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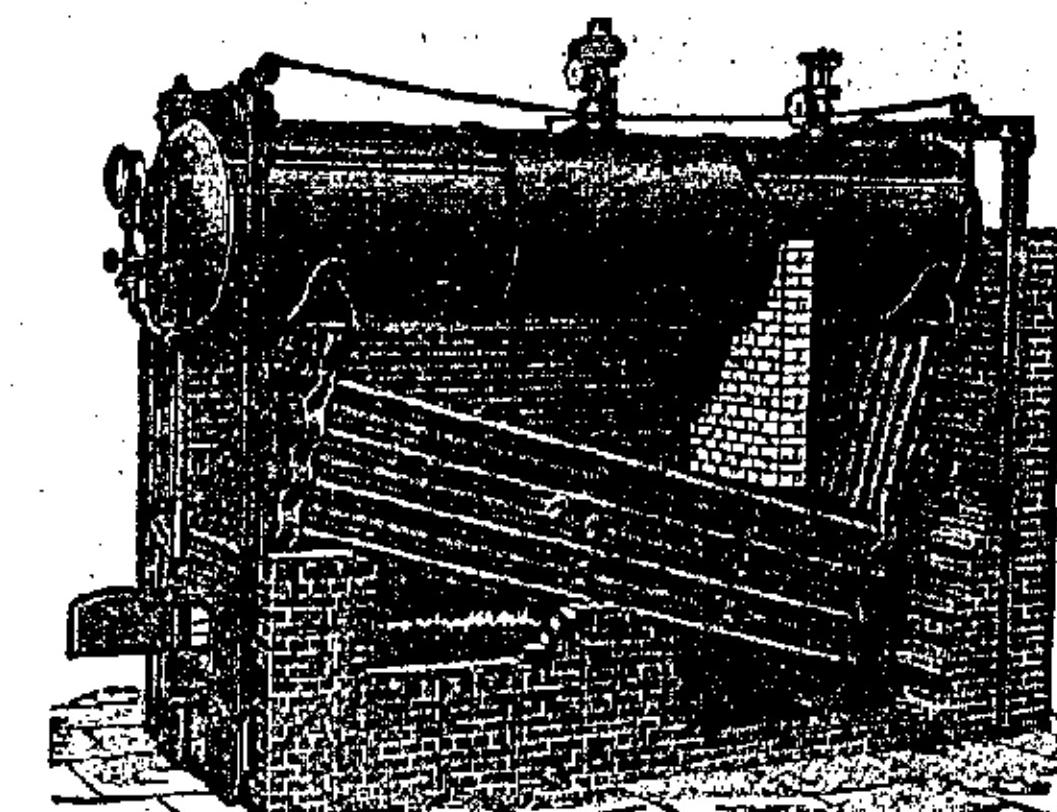
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Cargo, and special attention is paid to the
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charge of European Contractors, and are
lighted with Gas to ensure the safety of
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Explosives and inflammable Cargo excluded.

For Storage rates and terms for loans,
Apply to

YUEN LAI CHUN,
Agent,

MAN SHUT YUEN BANK.

Hongkong, January 9, 1900.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

We the Undersigned have This Day
been Appointed AGENTS for the
above GODOWNS. All application for
Storage of Goods should be made to us.

T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co.,

12, Beauchamp Arcade.

Hongkong, January 4, 1900.

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THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

We have This Day Appointed Messrs.
T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co. to
be AGENTS for the above GODOWNS.
All application for Storage of Goods should
be made to them.

TANG LAP TING,
MOH LIONG HU,
MOH TECK LIM.

Hongkong, January 4, 1900.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Violins Guitars Cornets
Cellos Banjos Trombones
Mandolines Guitarras Euphoniums
Mandolas Zithers Clarinets, &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE
1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs.
BURGESS and SON, of Bristol
Street, Queen's, Leicester, England, Elastic
Manufacturers, have registered, on the 2nd day
of October, 1899, a mark for the Registration
in Hongkong in the Register of
TRADE MARKS of the following TRADE
MARK :—

A rectangular label, connected to the
Border line of which by means of and
double Horizontal Lines is a Semi-circular
Ribbons, the ends of same being joined
together by means of ornamental lines.
Upon the Ribbon are the words 'Challenge'
Elastic, whilst projecting from same on the
left hand side are the representations of two
dogs, bearing respectively the words Asia
and Europe; and also on the right hand
side are two more dogs, bearing the words
Africa and America. Within said Ribbon
is the device of a 'Wyvern' upon a crest
with similar above same is the word 'Sand-
daling'. At the foot of the label are the
abbreviation 'No.' and words 'No. Cord'
'Cross.'

In the name of Messrs. Burgess and Son
who claim to be the sole Proprietors
thereof.

The TRADE MARK has been used by the
Applicants in respect of Elastic Fabrics or
tissues comprising Gauze Web, Cords and
Bias in Class 40.

A Facsimile of the TRADE MARK can be
seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Hongkong.

Dated the 14th day of November, 1899.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
2408, Solicitors for the Applicants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary,
Hongkong, January 2, 1900.

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THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE
1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that
THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Offices,
Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the
24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ending 31st December,
1899.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from MON-
DAY, the 18th January, to WEDNESDAY,
the 24th January (both days inclusive), during
which period no TRANSFER of
SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 2, 1900.

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EUROPEAN CLERK WANTED.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF
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EUROPEAN CLERK, Age about 40.
Married man preferred. Liberal salary to
an experienced man. Apply by letter to—

EDWARD OSBORNE,
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Hongkong, January 9, 1900.

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QUARTS, \$1.00 per dozen.

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A Regular MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zeeland Street, on
TUESDAY, the 16th, at 8.30 for
9.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting BRETHREN
are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, January 15, 1900.

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STRAW HATS, BLANKETS and DOWN QUILTS,

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BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS and SPRING MATTIR ISSES,

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THE PEAK HOTEL is Situated at VICTORIA GAR, adjoining the TRAMWAY
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OIL STOVES, COOKING RANGES & UTENSILS.

News from the Philippines.

The U.S. cruiser "Baltimore" is coming to Hongkong to dock.

The American artillery are making tests with high explosives.

Aguinaldo's wife and her sister arrived in Manila on the 14th inst.

The U.S. Government is buying up all the available coal in Manila.

Brigadier-General J. C. Bates has been promoted to the rank of Major-General.

Chinese and Filipinos are contributing to the War Relief Fund in Manila.

General Funston has been assigned to General Whistler's former command.

Howard, a deserter from the American army, is "Commandante of Artillery" with the Filipinos.

The U.S. transport "Meade" has made the record trip from New York to Manila of 40 days.

Depressing reports of anarchy and famine come to hand from Samar and Leyte.

The bodies of 41 soldiers killed in Luzon were shipped to the United States by the steamer "Ohio".

General Rizal, said to be a brother of the famous Filipino, Dr Rizal, was captured by the 37th Regiment near Los Banos.

A Philippine woman named Dorothea Litton, died at Tutuban, Tondo, on the 9th inst., at the age of 101 years and two months.

Lieut. D. Bowman, Company E, 37th U.S. Infantry, formerly a private in the Montana Volunteers, shot himself through the head with a revolver at Calabuwa on the 9th inst.

The American authorities have prohibited the circulation in the Philippines of the Spanish newspaper "El Correo de Oriente", which is printed and published in Hongkong by Sr. Romero Salas.

Capt. Carl Reichmann, 17th U.S. Infantry, has been ordered to South Africa to join the Boer army as U.S. attaché. He is a German by birth, and entered the American army as a private in 1881.

The price of food-stuffs continues to appreciate in Manila. Meat which used to cost 20 cents per lb. now costs \$1.; eggs, once 2 cents each, cost 6 cents; tallow and other articles proportionately high.

Twelve cases of plague are reported to have occurred in one street in Manila. Two American ladies have been taking food to the poor people whose houses have been placed in quarantine, and their conduct is warmly eulogized.

Private M. E. Kane, 28th U.S. Infantry, while carrying despatches from Iloilo, was murdered at the Zapote bridge by three natives. The body was frightfully mutilated. Kane made a desperate struggle, and bayoneted one of his assailants.

H.M.S. "Centurion". H.M.S. "Centurion", carrying the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir E. Seymour, arrived yesterday from the South. The flagship after leaving Bangkok proceeded to Labuan, where the Admiral joined the Admiralty for a run to Iloilo, the "Centurion" proceeding to Manila and awaiting his arrival.

War Supplies for the Boers.

A Dutchman writes in the N.O. Daily News as follows:—In your leading article of the 1st inst. you state that the German manufacturers of war munitions were the purveyors to the South African Republic. I am, however, in a position to contradict every word of this statement, and even can go so far as to make the fact known, that the total of the war munitions for the Transvaal has been manufactured in England at the factory of Messrs. Kynoch & Co., in London; the manager of which firm is Mr. Champlin, a brother to your Secretary of State for War Affairs. The Boers first tried to get the air provisions and munitions from Germany, but the British manufacturers offered better terms than their continental competitors, so that they were favourably disposed to the supply of the same munitions that killed so many faithful Britons, who fell without knowing the true cause that they were fighting for.

Stearns' Headache Cure can be obtained from all Chemists—if Stearns' is insisted on—the original effect and best remedy for all Headaches. Whole sale and retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong. Sold by all Chemists.

HE HAD CAUSE TO REJOICE.

A young man came into our store yesterday evening from a severe attack of cramp colic, writes B. F. Ross, miller and general merchant, 19, Dickey's Mountain Lane. He had tried every known remedy, without relief. I had used Chamberlain's, Chelers, and Diphoeia Remedy. I gave him a dose, and it soon brought him out alright. I never saw a fellow so robust. Sold by A. S. Watson & Co., General Agents.

THE COLD SNAP AT TIENSIN.

The Tientsin correspondent of the N.O. Daily News writes on the 4th inst.:—For the last ten days our temperature has every night fallen to zero (Fahr.) or even lower: there have been two very heavy falls of snow, to the infinite satisfaction of the Chinese. By day we have cloudless skies and glorious sunshine, but after sunset the cold pierces to the very marrow and, in the case of the unprotected, goes to divide body and spirit.

YACHTING.

The third race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will be resailed on January 20, the two classes starting at 1.30 and 1.45 p.m. respectively. The course will be: From Police Pier, Kowloon, round mark boat, off Lyenmun, Kowloon Rock and mark boat off Lyenmun, all to starboard; 14 miles. The sixth club race will be sailed on January 21 over the following courses:—From Police pier, Kowloon, round mark boat, off Chung Huc, North Fairway buoy and mark boat of Chung Huc, all starboard; 15 miles.

BULLER'S NEW MOVE.

In connection with General Buller's appearance in force at Springfield, it may be remembered that Rector reported from London, on the 4th inst., that Thorneycroft's Horse made a reconnaissance on the previous day towards Springfield, but, coming in contact with a large Boer force, retired, the Boers following and keeping up a brisk fire until the British camp at Chivjow was reached. It was reported that a lieutenant and five men failed to return to camp. Springfield is west of Colenso, and farther from Ladysmith, but it is supposed to give better facilities for fording, and it may be presumed the Boers are not entrenched there as they are at Colenso.

THE CHINESE MINISTER IN LONDON.

The Tientsin correspondent of the N.O. Daily News writes:—There is some speculation in official circles as to the next Minister to London. Sir Chi Chen (Lo Fung-lo) will, it is understood, willingly remain in London if asked to do so by Peking, but a second term of office is rather the exception. As the office is not really lucrative, it is not usually desired by the holder. Lo's success as a post-prandial orator in England is not a surprise to Tientsin folk: he was for many years aware of his gift, as he was the mouth-piece of Li at all our public functions. We have heard some rumours of Sir Chi Chen's desire to remain in Europe as a University professor (of Chinese), but we attribute no importance to them.

THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

A sum of \$214 was raised at the cinematograph entertainment given on Saturday afternoon in aid of the War Relief Fund. The arrangements were made by the Hon. F. H. May. In opening the proceedings Mr May made a few remarks mentioning that they were indebted to Mr E. F. G. Hatch, M.P., for the loan of the cinematograph, to Mr. Wickham for the electrical arrangement, to the committee of the City Hall for granting the free use of the premises, and to Mrs Lawson, Lieut. Barrett, and Mr A. G. Ward for consenting to provide the musical part of the entertainment. Songs were given by Mr Lawson and Lieut. Barrett; Mr Ward accompanying. An interesting collection of views was shown.

FIRE AT KOWLOON.

About six o'clock on Saturday night, a fire broke out in a contractor's matched leather Chater Road, Kowloon. Immediately the alarm was raised a large party of officers to the Transvaal. They seem to be going from all nations. This is caused by the fact that many officers are tired of the bad piping times of peace, and are looking for getting some idea of what modern warfare is like. At present they are mostly Germans and Russians. The last officer to join the Boers from Germany was Colonel Maniekuil, who was in command of the Hessian Dragoons stationed at Hocicosa. The Colonel, a good officer who has seen service, more than once, is already at Hongkong.

FOREIGN OFFICERS FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

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SNAKES AT SANDAKAN.

The B. N. B. Herald of the 18th December says:—A very fine python measuring 18 feet in length was recently sent from the Kinabaluhan by Mr Cotta. It was kept alive in its box for some time, but was killed and skinned on the 5th inst.—Mr Cotta also sent down another large python at the same time by a.s. Taoyane, but, on arrival in Sandakan, the snake was nowhere to be found! There was a certain amount of hesitation before the crow started to unload the cargo, but as no trace was found of the missing reptile it is supposed that he went overboard and swam ashore while coming down the river. A fine specimen of the "Rimau dahan" (tiger branch tiger) or clouded tiger was brought into the Museum on the 11th inst. The beast was alive when brought in, and the natives stated that they caught it swimming in the sea towards Neuguayan, one of the islands just outside Sandakan Bay. An unusual thing for these animals to swim unless pressed.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon—Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, H.I.G.M.S. Hertha, H.I.G.M.S. Gefion, Hongkong, Kinshu Maru, Lekki, U.S.S. Massachusetts, U.S.S. Solace, Trafalgar, Kiangtung, Compton—Don Juan de Austria, Memnon, Daphne, Copidie—Aberdeen—(one).

STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE.

Gives positive relief in Neuralgia, and is safe and speedily remedial for all Headaches. Stearns' is the original. Wholesale and retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

FRANCE AND SAN DOMINGO.

Relations are strained between France and San Domingo, the negro republic in the eastern half of the island of Hayti, in the West Indies, between Cuba and Porto Rico. Two French subjects named Bois-

TELEGRAMS.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE.

LONDON, 11th January, 1900.

THE WAR.

The Portuguese police at Lourenco Marques have stopped Portuguese recruits for the Boers on the frontier. In future, no one will be allowed to cross the border without a permit from the Governor.

The Times understands that the Union and "Castle" lines have withdrawn from the Dragon Bay trade, in order to prevent the use of their steamers for interests unfriendly to Great Britain.

REUTHER'S SERVICE.

London, 12th January, 1900.

THE WAR—GENERAL WHITE'S LOSSES.

The Daily News learns that General White's losses on the 6th instant were 14 officers killed and 34 wounded, and 800 men killed and wounded.

GENERAL LORD METHUEN'S HEALTH.

It is stated that General Methuen injured his spine by a fall from his horse when he was wounded.

ADMISSION OF A BARRISTER.

At the Supreme Court to-day, before His Hon. W. Meigh Goodman, Acting Chief Justice, Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General (instructed by Mr O. D. Thomson), appeared and made application that Mr Charles James Nagle be approved, admitted and enrolled a barrister of the Supreme Court. Mr Pollock said the application was supported by two affidavits—one by Mr Nagle himself and the other by Mr McLean. The affidavits showed that Mr Nagle was admitted to the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple on 12th January, 1888, and was called to the bar shortly afterwards. Since Mr Nagle had been admitted, he had been abroad in various places. In the year 1892 he was admitted to practice in the High Court of Bombay and practised there till 1894, when he was admitted to practise in the Consular Court in Bangkok. Until recently Mr Nagle had been practising in the Court at Bangkok. His Lordship said it appeared that the necessary affidavits had been filed. The certificate of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple showed that Mr Nagle had been called to the bar on the 17th November, 1899. All the preliminary conditions having been complied with, his Lordship had much pleasure in approving, admitting and permitting the enrolment of Mr Nagle as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

The Lord of Admiralty, Sir Charles James Napier, has been appointed a knight of the Order of the Bath. He was born in 1837, and is the son of Sir Charles James Napier, who was knighted in 1857.

The following were killed at Ladysmith on the 6th instant:—Colonel Dick Cunningham of the Guards, Baron of the Rides, Mackworth of the West Surreys and Miller-Wallace of the Guards; Capt. Larone (Lafone) of the Devons; Lieutenants Hill, 6th Lancs; Adams and Padien, Imperial Horse; Jones and Dennis Engineers; Walker, Somersets; Rifles; Hall, Rifle Brigade, and another name undecipherable.

CASUALTIES AT LADYSMITH.

The Official Report of casualties at Ladysmith (on 6th instant) gives 135 men killed and 244 wounded. The Earl of Ava is reported to have died of his wounds.

LONDON, 13th January, 1900.

THE WAR.

Lord Strathcona's offer to equip and maintain in the field 400 Mounted Canadians has been accepted.

GERMANY'S NEUTRALITY.

Krupp has been requested to desist from my intended despatch of shells to England, since such would be incompatible with Germany's strict neutrality.

DEATH OF EARL OF AVA.

The death of the Earl of Ava is confirmed.

HAVAS SERVICE.

THE WAR.

Paris, January 6.

A desperate fight has taken place near Cobesberg.

M. GUERIN.

M. Guerin has been incarcerated at Clairvaux.

ATTACK ON A FRENCH MISSION.

Paris, January 7.

Twelve hundred natives from Isalash attacked the Flamant Mission at the oasis of Tidikeli. They were repulsed with a loss of 50 killed and 60 taken prisoners. Isalash has submitted.

MANILA TIMES' SERVICE.

DELAGOA BAY, BARBERSHOP.

The report that the British Government are contemplating the lease of Delagoa Bay from the Portuguese has caused much excitement. All the European Powers have entered protestations against such action.

M'CROY-MAHER FIGHT.

London, January 2.

The match arranged between "Kid" McCoy, the light-heavy weight champion, and Peter Maher, the Irish boxer, held today in New York, McCoy had a hard time in the favoritism, although the Irishman found plenty of supporters. After the first bout the betting was on the kid, and closed at a hundred to six in his favour. Both men striped in good condition and after shaking hands immediately set to work in earnest, each one apparently determined to make the last a sharp one. The fight was hard and only lasted five rounds, when the sponge was thrown up in favour of McCoy.

REPARATING SPANISH PRISONERS.

London, January 9.

War Secretary E. Root has asked Congress to pass an emergency bill of seven million dollars, which is urgently needed to make up a deficiency in the fund for repairing Spanish prisoners recently escaped from Aguinaldo's power.

Congress agreed about a month ago to appropriate all the money at the expense of the Spanish, but the bill was taken back for revision.

LI HUNG CHANG'S TASK.

The Peking correspondent of the N.O. Daily News writes on the 27th December:—

If we have not very much in the way of news in the celestial Capital we at least have plenty of *rumor*, or rumour. Rumour has it that H. E. Li Hung-chang goes to Canton as Viceroy, first and foremost because he has promised to make Wang Yu-wei or secure his death, and secondly because of his knowledge of international relations, whereby he may be able to settle the纠纷 (disputes) with France. The recent edict of the Emperor, giving Kung Yiu-wei, officer-in-chief of the army, the rank of general, and Li Hung-chang the rank of vice-general, is to suppress piracy on the West River and said he was most anxious to secure the friendliest relation with the Colony of Hongkong. H. E. Li was afterwards appointed to the function of an audience with H. 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